

October 9, 2017

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Report after Restoration of Natural Gas Service  
Docket No. NDI-2017-\_\_\_\_-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

SCE&G hereby submits the following written report in compliance with Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") Regulation 103-414, which requires SCE&G to notify the Commission and the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") by telephone of "any interruption of [natural gas] service affecting its entire system or major division thereof, or any major community or any important division, consisting of at least fifty customers, of a community . . . as soon as practicable after it comes to the attention of [SCE&G]" and to provide a complete written report to the Commission and ORS after restoration of service, if the interruption of service is more than six hours in duration.

On September 29, 2017, at approximately 8:59 a.m., SCE&G received notice that an excavator had damaged a natural gas line near 300 Rast Street in Sumter, South Carolina. SCE&G arrived on site at 9:33 a.m. and, after assessing the situation, determined that a 2-inch plastic gas main had been damaged. SCE&G initially decided to install a bypass in order to maintain natural gas service to 63 affected customers. However, as crews prepared to install the bypass, SCE&G observed that the pressure on the line continued to drop, and SCE&G determined that the line needed to be squeezed off. At 11:00 a.m., the leak was eliminated, and service was lost to 63 customers. In compliance with Commission Regulation 103-414, SCE&G provided telephonic notice to the Commission and the ORS of the interruption of natural gas service affecting more than fifty (50) customers as a result of a damaged natural gas line near 300 Rast Street in Sumter, South Carolina. SCE&G made the necessary repairs, and the line was back in operation at 2:35 p.m. that same day. At approximately 5:15 p.m. that day, natural gas service had been restored to sixty (60) of the sixty-three (63) affected customers. The remaining three (3) affected customers were not present to allow SCE&G access for service to be restored; service to those customers was restored once those customers contacted SCE&G to arrange access.

Upon subsequent investigation to determine the cause of the damage to the line, SCE&G discovered that the excavator requested a locate prior to commencing work. However, the work that damaged the line occurred outside the area noted on the locate ticket.

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By copy of this letter and pursuant to Commission Regulation 103-414, SCE&G is providing the ORS with this report.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Jeffrey Nelson, Esquire  
Vernon Gainey, South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff  
(all via First-Class U.S. Mail)